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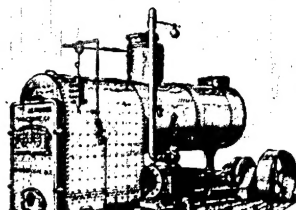
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YEAR.

During his travels the past year, across the continent twice, over four different lines of railway, and so far east as Chicago, the editor of THE MINER has repeatedly met the inquiry: "If gold is so abundant in Ontario, why do you not show results sufficiently great to command the attention of needed and necessary capital in the development of your mines?"

People on the ground and those who have become interested in the mining industry in Ontario are perfectly aware of the comparatively poor showing of the district with such regions as Cripple Creek, the Rand and other regions, with a big output to their credit, but outsiders do not understand the conditions, and hence are prone to propound queries calculated to discredit our pretensions to being a gold bearing country.

The fact of the matter, however, is that there have been many adverse causes at work to discredit Ontario gold deposits in the eyes of the world, thereby retarding development and restricting gold production. No sooner was gold discovered than the geologists of Canada repudiated the worth of the finds, and said the deposits were of a surface character, the veins were lenticular, and the little ore there was in sight was of a refractory nature and of low grade value. Indeed, so sure were these worth, of the correctness of their judgment that they succeeded in discouraging intending purchasers and set back development of the mineral deposits for a whole decade. Even the present great Sultana mine was turned down as of no value 15 years ago, and English capital, then ready to take hold of our prospects, fled the country, and went to

the properties are showing up remarkably well, notably so as to the Mikado, owned by an English company which, on the expenditure of \$15,000 for property and machinery, is now producing gold at the rate of \$15,000 per month. It is the only grass root proposition so far opened in the district, but there are a number of new ones opened since spring that seem to be in a fair way of duplicating the experience of the Sultana and the Mikado, notably so in the case of the Nino and the Wendigo, and if they do equal the Mikado the result can not be other than gratifying for the future of the Ontario gold fields.

In addition to the above mentioned properties there are many other mines and prospects under development with most gratifying results, among which the more prominent may be mentioned the Ontario Homestake, Little Bobs, Foley, Olive, Manhattan, Decca, Nino, Hammond Reef, Kewatin, Randolph, Wendigo, Eldorado, Champion, Britannia, Glass Reef, Big Master, and hundreds of others, many of them beyond the prospect stage that sooner or later will become producers of gold bullion.

While money in sufficient volume to rapidly develop mines has not in the past been forthcoming, yet enough has been done and is now under way to conclusively prove the worth of our gold deposits; in fact, THE MINER can see a gratifying improvement in conditions, and is confident that the output of bullion will warrant the investment of sufficient capital to lift Ontario to the front rank of gold producing regions in the world.

THE BIG MASTER MINE.

Several members of the Company Visited the Property This Week.

H. S. Clark, of Boston, secretary of the Interstate Consolidated Mineral Co., which is operating the Big Master mine in the Manitowish, is in town today. He has just returned from the property, and is more than pleased with the work that has been done, and the magnificent results obtained. Readers of THE MINER will remember an article about the Big Master which appeared a few weeks ago. In it were given the results of some assays which appeared almost too big to be true. They have however been verified, and there is but little doubt, that the property will become one of the leading producers in Western Ontario. Development and prospect work has been going on steadily and the permanency of the ore body is assured.

SPLENDID PARADE

Labor Day Fittingly Celebrated in Rat Portage.

VERY GOOD SPORTS AT THE PARK

LIST OF THE PRIZE-WINNERS AND NOTES ON THE DAY.

Labor Day, the workman's holiday, in fact everybody's holiday, was celebrated in Rat Portage Monday last in a manner befitting our industries and our working men. All business houses in town were closed except those catering refreshments. The day was a perfect one, typical of the large majority of days in this north country. Old Sol seemed to approve and smile on the demonstration in honor of labor.

The members of the different labor organizations who had the day in hand deserve the thanks of everyone for this exhibition of the business and industries centered here. Very few believed that such a display was possible in a town the size of Rat Portage.

The parade committee worked early and late getting business men and manufacturers interested, and the result was decidedly satisfactory.

The different organizations and floats assembled shortly after 1 o'clock at the corner of Main and Fort streets. Messrs. P. Maguire and W. Almas had a pretty swift hour getting the line in shape. Then the big procession started off with Grand Marshal Almas with drawn sword at the head, followed by the citizens' band, playing stirring music. Mr. Maguire was then the busiest man in sight, keeping the order established, and we must say he and his co-workers of the parade committee performed their duties well.

Following the band were the different floats in the order named below:

ORDER OF PROCESSION.

The Grand Marshal, Mr. Almas mounted on a fine stopping animal.

The Citizens' Band.
The members of Federal Labor Union No. 2.

C. W. Fraser's rig, with four horses.

15. Firemen's race—1st H. N. H. 2nd W. E. Nims.
16. Federal Union Men's race—1st H. Bougard, 2nd W. Alcock.
17. Clerks' race—1st J. T. Woods, 2nd F. H. Roan.

IN THE EVENING.

The decorated canoe procession on the bay in the evening was a splendid affair, though the number was limited. The effect from the shore was very beautiful. An endeavor should be made to have it repeated on a much larger scale before the summer ends. Mr. G. W. Smith secured the first prize and Mr. J. G. Wood second.

NOTES.

Following were the members of the parade committee: W. Almas, marshal; P. Maguire, M. Sleightholm and R. Strain, deputies.

Sport committee—J. E. Alcock, Al. Rose, D. Wright, J. T. Wood, W. Almas, W. Phillips, W. Alcock, R. Strain and P. Maguire.

Booth committee—R. McKreith, H. Bolton and Eli Campion.

Following is the list of prize winners for best display in the procession:

Best Decorated Float—1st Jacob Hose, 2nd A. T. Fife.

Neatest team—C. W. Fraser.
Single Rig—Jackson Bros.

The booth committee report a nice profit from their stand.

A. T. Fife's float was a little hot getting into line, but it was a daisy.

Hose's wagon was the most difficult to prepare, but the effect was unique. The iron man was a splendid piece of work.

The Citizens' Band is progressing quite favorably under the leadership of T. Hanson, and the numerous nice things that were said about its playing must have made the members ears burn.

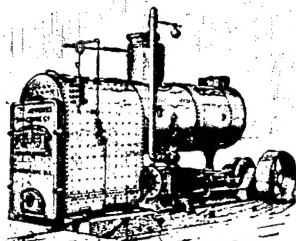
There is an up-to-dateness, if we may coin the word, about its music and the rendition of it that we all like to hear. We believe that there is a number of new players in sight who will certainly help to build up a band in the near future that Mr. Hanson and the citizens will be proud of. The band certainly should be encouraged and its efforts to give the citizens a first-class musical organization worthy of their patronage.

The Carpenters and Joiners took a leading place in the day's events and presented a good appearance in the parade.

The R. P. Lumber Company's fire brigade is composed of a lot of likely-looking fellows and give one the impression that they would be good

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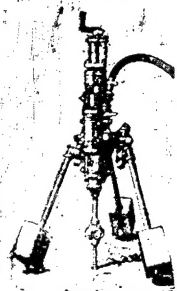
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The continued operation of the Sultana, together with the constant addition of expensive milling and operating machinery; its repudiation of so-called expert testimony as to its barrenness of ores, proving them to be essentially free milling in character to the deepest levels, with the small percentage of concentrates readily yielding to the chlorination and cyaniding processes; the establishment of the fact that the vein, instead of being a lenticular deposit, in reality is a contact vein that has increased in width below the 400 foot level, with a marked increase in the value of the ore; causes that naturally attracted some notice to the district, but not in sufficient volume to increase gold production so as to engage the attention of the mining world, the gold bullion product last year approximating \$500,000, with a prospect of a very flattering increase during the present year.

The successful working of the Sultana is directly the cause of the growing faith in Ontario as a gold bearing region, and has succeeded in interesting a limited amount of capital, mostly from American sources, to take hold of our mining propositions. Some

magnificent results obtained. Readers of THE MINER will remember an article about the Big Master which appeared a few weeks ago. In it were given the results of some assays which appeared almost too big to be true. They have however been verified, and there is but little doubt, that the property will become one of the leading producers in Western Ontario. Development and prospect work has been going on steadily and the permeability of the ore body is assured.

Mr. Clark accompanied by two other American gentlemen who are stockholders in the company, and were in consultation with Mr. D. Simpson, the manager, and an aggressive policy has been decided upon. A compressor plant has been ordered from the Rand Drill Co.; two boilers and a 10-stamp mill, with full equipment from the Jenckes Machine Co., through their agent here, Mr. Smith.

The hoist building is nearing completion being now ready for the roof. The Interstate Consolidated Company is one of the most substantial companies operating in western Ontario, having ample capital behind them, and the most careful management. It will be but a comparatively short time till the Big Master is placed on the list of our regular producers.

Anglo-Canadian Gold Estates.

Mr. Alan Sullivan, manager of the Anglo-Canadian Gold Estates has been in town this week. The company has done a great deal of prospect work the past summer in the Denmark lake region, and also in the Seine river district, where they have found some very rich veins. From fifteen to twenty men will be employed on their claims in the Seine district this winter, and a like number in the Denmark lake region. The season's work has been very encouraging.

Ontario Gold Production.

The statistical year book of Canada gives the revised figures of the Ontario gold output at \$430,441 for 1893. For 1898 the figures are \$265,880, showing a marked increase during the past year, while in 1891 the gold output of the province was only \$2,000. Since 1894, when the output was \$30,000 the increase has been very steady, nearly doubling each year. The total gold production of the Dominion of Canada is \$21,200,437, of which \$16,000,000 is credited to the Yukon district. In production of iron ores, Ontario, from being third among the provinces of the Dominion in 1896, has become first with an output of over 20,000,000 tons of ore.

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The members of Federal Labor Union No. 2.

C. W. Fraser's rig, with four horses, abreast decorated with plumes, Mr. Fraser held the lines and seated beside him was Mayor McCarthy.

Chemical Engine

Fire Engine

Hose Wagon

Hose Reel.

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G. A. Kobold's float

Hedoff & Verdin's float

J. Anderson, the bill poster's float

J. W. Pickett's float

Jackson Bros. float

E. A. Babin's two floats

Gardner, Rice, McLeod Co's. 2 floats.

A. J. Partington's float

Retail Clerk's carriage with clowns Ottawa house, carriage

J. Hoss's float with iron man

A. T. Fife & Co's. float

Northern Ice Co's. float

E. G. Hall's float

Cameron & Heap's float

Hilliard House rig

A. Shragge's float

Geo. Drewry's float

Brook & Co's float

The procession proceeded to the H. B. Co's grounds, Rideout estate, where a large crowd soon gathered and the different sports were entered into with much vim. Following is a list of the prize-winners:

PRIZE WINNERS.

1. Boys' race, 18 years or under - 1st W. Clary; 2nd A. Lane.
2. Girls' race, 10 years or under - 1st Besta Watson; 2nd T. Mallouh.
3. Boys' race, 15 years or under - 1st G. Shamorst; 2nd T. Graham.
4. Girls' race, 15 years or under - 1st Jennie Lang; 2nd Edna Carslake.
5. Married Ladies' race - 1st Mrs. J. E. Alcock; 2nd Mrs. T. Smith.
6. Union Men's Wives race - 1st Mrs. J. E. Alcock; 2nd Mrs. T. Smith.
7. Union Men's race - 1st H. Neill; 2nd Chas. Alcock.
8. Three-legged race - 1st M. Portis; 2nd Chas. Alcock.
9. Fat Man's race - 1st Wm. Strutt; 2nd John Descon.
10. Merchants' race - 1st W. T. Newman; 2nd G. Woods.
11. Carpenters' race - 1st W. H. Phillips; 2nd N. W. Slittern.
12. Running Hop, Step and Jump - 1st Murphy; 2nd T. Favel.
- 13 and 14 did not come off, but will be competed for at a later date, also the tug-of-war.

zens will be proud of. The hand certainly should be encouraged and its efforts to give the citizens a first class musical organization worthy of their patronage.

The Carpenters and Joiners took a leading place in the day's events and presented a good appearance in the parade.

The R. P. Lumber Company's fire brigade is composed of a lot of likely-looking fellows and give one the impression that they would be ever ready where duty calls.

Federal Labor Union No. 2 is composed of a lot of strapping good fellows and to them is largely due the success of Labor Day.

P. McGuire had a hard morning's work in arranging the details of the parade.

J. E. Alcock, of the sports committee, is a whirlwind in a job of this kind. He and the other members of the committee managed the sporting events like old-timers.

MR. BOW RESIGNS.

The Mining Inspectorship is Now Vacant - Who Will Get the Position.

This week Mr. James Bow, who has filled the position of inspector of mines for the past three years, tendered his resignation to the government. Mr. Bow, who is a young man of good promise, has always been attentive to his duties and mining men regret his resignation. Mr. Bow has accepted a position with the Anglo-Canadian Gold Estates, and will have charge of their prospect work in the Seine River district.

Many conjectures are being made in local mining circles as to who will likely get the vacant position. All are agreed that the government should pick up the best qualified man it is possible to obtain. There are a number of men in the district who are well qualified for the work, and we believe the department should consider their claims before those of any outsider.

Labor Day Dance.

A very enjoyable dance was held in the opera house assembly room on Monday evening in honor of Miss Ross who left for Port Arthur the following evening. The young men in town who had charge of the arrangements, had the hall gaily decorated and, with the handsomely dressed ladies, made a brilliant scene. Dr. Schnarr, and L. Johnson were floor managers, and Hanson's orchestra furnished excellent music. Luncheon was served by Mr. and Mrs. Williams of the opera house cafe, and the dancing was continued until 2:30 Tuesday morning.

Cy - Wolfson	D. Pen	R. Bowmer
J. W. S.	S.	B. C.
L. A. K.	X	D. V. Stern

name without the power. Remember that the privileges, the things for which the name stands, and the power are never separated actually. Hence the fitness of seriously considering, and that frequently, these Bible incitements to holiness.

1. The meaning of holiness should be grasped. Be it known that holiness and sinfulness are not identical. "That is a very holy man," was a common remark of onlookers in the days of heretic religion, when monk, or priest, known for separation from his fellows, prayers, exercises, and fastings, appeared to view. There may be truth in such judgment, for these are not infallible signs. To judge in this way is to look at the outside only of the deeper, platter. Jesus has taught us to go deeper, and be true discerning, to look at the spirit and works of men. It is very difficult to perceive the word "holiness" from its misinterpretations. The word, like many a name, needs to be saved from its friends. Here is the meaning as Peter understands it, and his thought is in harmony with all Scripture. Holiness is likeness to God. Godliness is holiness. "Be ye holy," means, "Be ye like God." God's likeness stamped upon a man reveals the fact of his holiness.

But God to be like the Father, the Father to be like the Son, the Son to be like the Spirit. It is hard for us to understand the meaning of holiness in the light of His greatness, and glorious Majesty. Let us remember Christ then. He is God. He was upon earth and lived as God manifest in the flesh. His record is before us. His life as our example, our model, may be understood by it. We are to be conformed to His likeness. It is written that believers are predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son. Likeness to Christ is likeness to God, and therefore they who are growing into the likeness of Christ are being made holy. What a different view of character is given as when we study the life of Christ. Holiness has an

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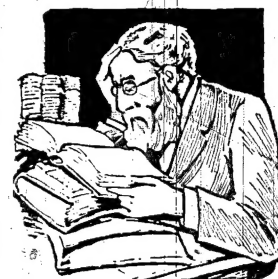
Live in His presence. Most have shone after he had stood before the Lord. Beholding Jesus, reflecting him, we are changed into the same image. "Make Christ your constant companion. Be more under His influence than under any other influence. The supreme and sole secret of a sanctified life is to be ever with Christ and reflecting Him."

2. The obligation to holiness must be understood. Why should we be holy? What stimulus, spur, incentive to attain this end? Is there reason for care about character? Is a good name rather to be chosen than great riches?

God commands holiness. "How plain and impressive are these frequent messages from Him to His people! We are the subjects of this great King. His words are the law of our life. Obedience to Him is our first duty."

Again God is holy. It is in Him we live and move and have our being. We must be in harmony with Him. Sinners are the "discordant notes in the music of the universe." Who that is not pure shall dwell with Him? "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord, or who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart." Kings of the earth and noblemen have their distinguishing colors for the jersey of fervents. White and scarlet, white and green, red and yellow, blue and scarlet, are bizarre combinations. The jersey of God's servants is white. "And tunic was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints." Court dress is required of those who appear in the presence of royalty. The court dress of heaven is of these robes that have been washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb.

In this fact lies our obligation to, do as one wrote to a friend, "Put away a sin or a piece of a sin every day."



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Dated this 23rd day of August, A.D. 1900. RAYMOND S. FARR, Secretary.

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DREAMS OF TWILIGHT.

When the windows flame at sunset
And the streets are gilded with blood
And the dying day is sinking
In the superbly advancing flood.
Smoky volumes lightly trailing
Veil the house-top stark and high,
Tinged with purple that the moment
Deepens in the western sky.

When the shadows round our slumber
And the darkness settles fast.
And each flush of life conclusive
Seems but prelude to the last,
Dreams shall soften our wasted faces
Fraught with prelude dark tonight,
Dreams that like the smoke shall vanish
At the coming of the night.

—John Curtis Underwood in *Ainslee's Magazine*

AN EXCELLENT REASON

Being a Woman, Winifred Was Not
Apt at Giving Reasons, So a
Man Helped Her Out.

"Is it something immensely important?" I asked as Winifred looked up with a number of wrinkles on her forehead.

"Immensely," she said, with a sigh. "Are you writing a poem?"

"Nothing could possibly be more proper."

"Then I may be able to help you," I suggested.

"Certainly not," she exclaimed, and she instantly covered her sheet of paper with the blotting pad. "That," she added, "would be too ridiculous."

"Now, why is the idea of my helping you ridiculous?" I demanded.

"Well, it is."

"A woman's reason?"

"At all events," she insisted. "I must write the letter myself."

"Whom is it for?" I ventured to ask.

"Lord Carfield."

"I wasn't aware you corresponded," I suggested.

"Oh, we don't. At least he has never written to me before," she answered.

"And so you don't Lord Carfield's letter difficult to answer?" I asked.

Winifred sat with her right elbow on the edge of the blotting pad, her eyes fixed on the window, a charming air of self-consciousness on her small face. A tress of her hair fell forward over her forehead, which was still wrinkled.

"Suppose you let me tell you what to say?" I proposed, standing with a hand on her chair.

"Oh, I know what to say."

"Then where's your difficulty?" I demanded.

"At least I think I do, only I don't know how to put it."

"Well, you see, that's where I might come in."

"His name is nothing in the world to do with you," she said, rising impatiently.

"I am quite sure of that."

"But I am perfectly sure," she insisted.

"Now, you were to take me into your confidence as far as to show me Carfield's letter."

"I shall do nothing of the kind."

"You must try to guess its contents."

"I could never guess," cried Winifred.

turned, and I took my hat from the table.

"Goodbye," she said, with a careless nod, as I stepped toward the door.

"That will be the second sheet of paper I've wasted," she cried as I turned the handle.

"You're going to write another, then?" I suggested, closing the door again.

"It's a pity you're in a hurry," she cried.

"I'm not."

"Because you might post it for me. I shan't be two minutes." And, taking her pen, she began to write at a great pace. When she had finished, she carefully blotted the letter and directed an envelope. "You might like to read it," she suggested, on the point of sealing it.

"Oh, thanks."

She held out her hand with the letter, and, taking it from the envelope, I smoothed it out. The contents were barely two lines asking Carfield to call at 4 o'clock the following day.

"Will that do?" she asked.

"I think mine would have been better," I said.

"That is one of the things we shall never know now," she answered.

"Why not?"

"Because you lost your temper," she said. "I hate a man who loses his temper."

"Still it's never too late to mend," I urged. "Now, suppose you sit down again and finish my letter, then we can compare notes; you know, and I'll post which you please."

"Very well," she assented, and she sat down and took her pen again.

"Where were we?" I asked.

"Dear Lord Carfield, I am deeply honored by your request, but I regret to tell you that I am unable to consider it. That's all we've done," said Winifred, looking up with an expectant expression.

"'Because'?"

"Yes; I've written that."

"Because I am already engaged to be married to?"

Winifred threw down her pen, making a large blot on the pad.

"I didn't know you were making a joke of it," she cried indignantly.

"I'm not," I insisted.

"You were telling me to write nonsense."

"You never wrote anything half so sensible in your life," I assured her.

"Besides, it isn't true," she said.

"Not yet," I answered, "and you haven't finished the letter. Now, suppose you finish it?"

Winifred took up the pen again.

"Because I'm already engaged to be married to Mr. Arthur?"

"Oh, this is dreadful!" she murmured, bending low over the paper.

"To Mr. Arthur Everest," I said.

"Now, all you have to do is to remain his very truly or very sincerely and sign your name."

So Winifred signed her name; then she leaned back in her chair and stared hard at what she had written.

I drew a chair to her side and sat down.

"And now?" I suggested.

"Of course," she continued. "It isn't likely I could send him a letter of that kind."

"Still it contains the truth."

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THREE ANGELS.

They say this life is barren, drear and cold,
Ever the same and song was sung of old;
Ever the same long, weary tale is told,
And to our lips is held the cup of strife
And yet—a little love can sweeten life.

They say our hands may grasp but joys destroyed,
Youth has but dreams and age an aching void,
Whose dead sea fruit long, long ago has cloyed,
Whose night with wild tempestuous storms is rife,
And yet a little hope can brighten life.

They say we fling ourselves in wild despair
Amid the broken treasures scattered there,
Where all is wrecked, where all once promised fair,
And stab ourselves with sorrow's two edged knife,
And yet a little patience strengthens life.

Is it, then, true, this tale of bitter grief,
Of mortal anguish, finding no relief?
Lo, midst the winter shines the laurel's leaf;
Three angels share the lot of human strife,
Three angels glory the path of life.

Love, hope and patience cheer us on our way;
Love, hope and patience form our spirit's stay;
Love, hope and patience watch us day by day
Till the desert bloom with beauty veiled
Until the earth takes into the eternal.

—F. S. in Temple Bar.

His Last Invention.

It Failed Like the Best to
Do Its Work.

Ralph Gardon strode moodily up and down his workshop, which was littered with the odds and ends of machinery which represented the ruins of a hundred castles in the air. He was always inventing, was Gardon; always spending days and nights over the manufacture of some wonderful machine or other which was to revolutionize the world and make him famous, only to find after all his labor some irremediable flaw in his plan which rendered the completion of the machine an impossibility or prevented it working.

He gazed around him on the gaunt skeleton in wood and brass of past hopes and clutched his hand fiercely.

"A failure! Everything in my life is a miserable failure!" he cried aloud as he paced the floor.

It was not the breakdown of an ordinary invention, however, that wrung the bitter words from him. He had grown accustomed to waking in the morning with an idea worth millions in his head and going to bed at night with the knowledge that it was not worth a million match sticks and had become quite philosophical over the failure of his plans for money making. But this time it was a different arrangement that had broken down, an arrangement by which the inventor hoped to make himself a home and children, and the mainspring, in the shape of Deborah Dene, the woman he loved, had failed him. In his clutched hand he held the letter she had sent him abruptly announcing that she wished to break off their engagement.

There was a revolver lying on the inventor's bench which had thrice had its bright barrel pointed toward his forehead, but three times the man's purpose had failed him at the decisive moment.

The fact of his cowardice added to the man's irritation against himself.

"I fail in everything that would make life worth living and cannot even kill stretched in front of his lonely dwelling."

He walked along rapidly, anxious while his determination remained firm to place as great a distance as possible between himself and any chance of undoing his handiwork. There was not a soul abroad, of course, at such an hour, and Gardon had no fear of injuring anybody but himself by the explosion that now he was expecting every moment. When the road took him near any habitation, he made a wide circuit to keep it outside the range of the dynamite bomb round his waist. With the same thoughtfulness for others he stopped when after about half an hour's walk he caught sight of the figure of a woman approaching him. He was like a man with the plague, whom it was dangerous to approach, and Ralph was about to turn precipitately and get out of the woman's way when something in her figure struck him as familiar. The night was a moonlight one, and in the middle of the road where she was walking it was as clear as noonday. A second glance told him that his suspicion was right. It was Deborah Dene hurrying along the road.

In the complete surprise of seeing her in such a spot at such an hour the thought of his invention went clear out of his head. It was due to go off at any moment now, but Ralph was so astonished that he actually forgot its existence.

He hurried forward.

"Deb," he said, "what are you doing here?"

For answer the girl flung her arms round his neck and burst into tears. She had hurried as fast as the train could bring her to him immediately on receiving his letter with its hint of suicide and had walked from the nearest station, three miles farther up the road, expecting to reach his house only in time to find him a corpse. She sobbed for five minutes on his breast without being able to speak a word in the relief of finding him alive.

The letter which he had received and which she was supposed to have written she had never heard of except through his reproaches. It was a forgery, no doubt, concocted by some spiteful acquaintance of his or hers to ruin their happiness. She loved him, with her whole heart and soul, she sobbed, and could never dream of giving him up.

It seemed to poor Ralph Gardon, who loved her more than his life, that the gates of paradise had opened. To find that all the mental agony through which he had passed had been without cause or basis made him feel the happiest man in the world.

It was actually not until he clasped his sweetheart in his arms with every doubt and suspicion removed that the consequent pressure of the bomb against his flesh reminded him how in a few minutes at most it would blow him to atoms.

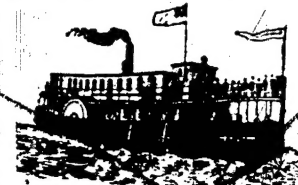
This story was told to me as true by a friend of mine who knew the interest I take in the subject of suicide. He stopped when he had reached this point in his narrative, as if it was concluded.

"And were they both killed?" I asked with interest.

"Oh, no. They were married shortly afterward. Gardon gave up trying to

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"Now, you were to take me into your confidence as far as to show me Carfield's letter."

"Of course I shall do nothing of the kind," she retorted.

"Then I must try to guess its contents."

"You could never guess," cried Winnie decidedly.

"He wishes you to marry him," I said.

Winnie turned upon me with an expression of complete surprise.

"Why, how did you know that?" she explained, with a fierce flush.

"You see, I happen to possess a pair of eyes."

"I am sure I have never done a thing to lead you to think that."

"Still it might have led others, especially Carfield, you know."

"I think that's very horrid of you," she said, sitting down again, with a bout on her lips.

"Then Carfield has really asked you to marry him?" I asked.

"Isn't it a nuisance?" she cried, lifting her eyebrows with an air of extreme perplexity.

"Well, that's all right," I said.

"What is?" she demanded.

"So that you think it's a nuisance?"

"Well, it is," she answered. "All my people are bothering me about it. They want me to."

"Then don't want you to marry the man?" I asked.

"That's just there's no reason why I shouldn't," said Winnie, with a harassed expression.

"Oh, but there's the most excellent reason," I urged.

"Oh, do tell me what it is," she pleaded impudently.

"I shall could help you."

"But how?" she cried.

"Take a fresh sheet of paper at a time," I suggested. "Then I'll dictate your answer. Now then," I dictated. "Dear Lord Carfield—"

"I don't want that."

"Thank you very much."

"Oh, I can't begin in that way," she objected.

"Well," I said, "we'll try again. Dear Lord Carfield, I am deeply honored by your postcard."

Winnie put the end of her pen between her teeth and turned toward me with a doubtful air.

"You know," she said, "I don't really care at all."

"Of course not. It's a mere matter of form. Now, then, we're not getting any. I am deeply honored by your request, but I regret to tell you—"

"I must know what I'm going to tell you first," cried Winnie, pushing again.

"I regret to tell you that I am unable to consider it."

"But I did—very seriously," she insisted.

"Oh, well," I said, "of course if you really care for the fellow—"

"Well?" she cried provokingly.

"Why, you may as well write the letter without my interference."

"That's what I told you at first," said Winnie triumphantly.

"I think I shall say goodbye," I remarked.

leaped back in her chair and stared hard at what she had written.

I drew a chair to her side and sat down.

"And now?" I suggested.

"Of course," she continued, "it isn't likely I could send him a letter of that kind."

"Still it contains the truth."

"It says that I am engaged to be married," she said, "and of course I am nothing of the kind."

"You will be, Winnie."

"Some day perhaps."

"Today is as good as another," I urged.

"And to somebody," she added.

"If it comes to that," I insisted, "I am better than any one else."

Winnie looked into my face with a smile on her lips. Then she became permanently serious.

"Perhaps—perhaps you are," she said quietly, and then— But I don't think I shall tell you what followed.—Westminster Gazette.

Sheep in Spain.

In Spain there are some 10,000,000 of migratory sheep, which every year travel as much as 200 miles from the plains to the "delectable mountains," where the shepherds feed them till the snows descend. These sheep are known as transhumantes, and their march, resting places, and behavior are regulated by ancient and special laws and tribunals dating from the fourteenth century.

At certain times no one is allowed to travel on the same route as the sheep, which have a right to graze on all open and common land on the way and for which a good 90 yards wide must be left on all enclosed and private property. The shepherds lead the flocks, the sheep follow, and the flocks are accompanied by mules carrying provisions and large dogs which act as guards against the wolves. The merino sheep travel 400 miles to the mountains, and the total time spent on the migration there and back is 14 weeks.—Spectator.

Practical Politics For Infants.

The ingenious educational system known as the school city was invented by Wilson L. Gill, to whose efforts is largely due its success in Omaha, Chicago, Milwaukee and other cities. On one occasion a class of urchins was being taught the mysteries of election day. One boy was made a Democratic and a second a Republican inspector, two were made poll clerks, two watchers, two candidates, and so on. When all the tasks had been assigned, a square jawed little fellow looked up and said:

"Please, sir, I want to be a policeman and club that curly headed poll clerk."—Saturday Evening Post.

Criticizing His Own.

"But, my dear husband, it really is unjust of you to abuse mothers-in-law so. There are good ones."

"Well—well, never mind. I haven't said anything against yours; it's only mine I'm grumbling about!"—Boston Traveler.

vector's bench which had three had its bright barrel pointed toward his forehead, but three times the man's purpose had failed him at the decisive moment.

The fact of his cowardice added to the man's irritation against himself.

"I fall in everything that would make life worth living and cannot even kill myself," he went on in his despairing soliloquy. "Must everything I try prove a failure?"

He took up the revolver once more with sudden determination and, holding the barrel between his teeth, pulled the trigger. There was a click, but nothing more. He had forgotten, after all, to load the thing.

He had failed once more to kill himself, and the nervous shock he had experienced had made it impossible for him to repeat the attempt. He must think of something, he told himself, which would make the last act easier for him. He was determined on suicide and had committed himself by informing Deborah of his intentions, but when the deliberate movement of a finger was in a moment to make all the difference between life and death his physical courage deserted him and his finger became powerless. He must prepare some plan for killing himself in which the exact moment of his death would be decided by chance or the action of machinery.

The idea pleased him by suggesting the need of invention, a need which his mind was always ready to meet, and he set himself with a melancholy pleasure to think out the details of a killing machine which should fulfill all his requirements. Death must be painless and instantaneous, of course, but must act at a different moment from that at which the victim took the decisive action which would make his fate certain and unchangeable. He drew out a plan rapidly, making rough sketches of the mechanical details on the back of Deborah Dene's fatal letter.

Then he went down to his forge on the floor below and worked hard at the manufacture of the instrument he had invented. It was finished by midnight, and in a grim sort of way Ralph Gardon was proud of his work.

The invention was in the form of a dynamite bomb which would explode by the slow action of an acid eating through a barrier of cement. One of his past failures had left him with the dynamite on his hands. It was inclosed in a carefully welded iron case joined strongly, so that once the case was closed it could only be opened by the exercise of considerable force. It was connected as strongly to an iron chain which the inventor fastened around his waist, joining the two ends with a Yale padlock. When he had locked it, he laid the key on his anvil and with a stroke of his hammer beat it out of shape.

To get away from his anvil and tools, with the chance they still offered him of changing his mind and breaking the chain round his waist, as well as to save the empty house from needless injury, the inventor put on his hat and walked out into the country road that

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"And were they both killed?" I asked with interest.

"Oh, no. They were married shortly afterward. Gardon gave up trying to invent from that night and became pretty successful when he found his real forte—tale writing."

"But the bomb?" I asked. I was not interested in the man's subsequent career. My friend pretended to look surprised.

"My dear fellow, you don't think a machine could possibly work when Ralph Gardon had invented and made it!"—Chicago News.

Agassiz at the Saranac.

The whole Saranac community was on the qui vive, says W. J. Stillman in The Atlantic, not to see Emerson or Lowell, of whom they knew nothing, but Agassiz, who had become famous in the commonplace world through having refused not long before an offer from the emperor of the French of the keepership of the Jardin des Plantes and a senatorship if he would come to Paris and live. Such an incredible and disinterested love for America and science in our hemisphere had lifted Agassiz into an elevation of popularity which was beyond all scientific or political dignity, and the selection of the town appointed a deputation to welcome him and his friends to the region.

A reception was accorded, and they came, having taken care to provide themselves with an engraved portrait of the scientist to guard against a personation and waste of their respects. The head of the deputation, after having carefully compared Agassiz to the engraving, turned gravely to his followers and said, "Yes, it's him," and they proceeded with the same gravity to shake hands in their order, ignoring all the other luminaries.

When a Bachelor Pays Calls.

An unmarried man, in calling at a house where there are a mother and daughter or any married woman and other women relatives, leaves one card for the host and hostess, one for the daughters and one for any guest who may be staying with them. No matter how many there may be in the family, he should leave no more than three cards. Whatever the terms on which he may stand with the brothers or other masculine members of the family, he leaves no cards for them at the time of making his general call on the family. The exception is the head of the house, and he leaves a card for him after he has had a call from him or its social equivalent, an invitation.—Leah Lancelord in Woman's Home Companion.

Of Course.

Miles—I want to purchase a thoroughbred cow, but I don't know how to look up the pedigree.

Giles—Why don't you look in a catalogue?—Chicago News.

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THE FUN IN BADNESS.

IT IS POOR COMPENSATION FOR A CAREER OF CRIME.

The Famous Lecturer, G. Hope Jones, Cites Some Noted Cases in History to Prove His Contention That Caseness Doesn't Pay.

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Fellow Citizens of Oshkosh—Permit me to say that I am proud and grateful for this large attendance this evening. Although the admission is free and everybody came expecting a chromo as a free gift, I am grateful all the same. Before beginning my lectures it is usual for me to take up a collection, and I will now proceed with the task. This collection is not necessarily an evidence of your good faith in anything particular, but is intended to pay my back rent and laundry bills and assist me to reach Beaver Dam. It doesn't matter to the undersigned whether you give cheerfully or grudgingly, so long as you give. A liberal spirit on your part will still further encourage me, but if there is one single knocked-out, slab-sided son of a father in this audience who conscientiously feels that I ought to be sat down on, then let him hang on to his nickel. The collection is finished and the proceeds counted. The 250 enlightened and cultivated people before me have clipped in about half a cent apiece, and my labors can be continued in other fields. My dear people, I want to say a few words to you this evening about the goodness of human nature. It is easy to be bad. There is also a good deal of fun in it. It is the bad man who has the fun in summer and champagne and cream in the intervals. As I turn the stereoscopic light on the canvas you behold the picture of Nero. Up to the age of 24 he was a good man. While other young men were off to the circus or races he was at home helping his mother cut carpet rags or whitewash the cellar. He retired to his couch at 8 o'clock at night instead of whooping things up at the Tivoli. He rose with the lark, and he rose without a head on him, no swearing, no smoking, no drinking—just goodness. One day after young Nero had been sawing a cord of hickory wood in two, he sat down to rest his back and figure a little. The result was that he decided to make a change. He had come to the conclusion that goodness didn't pay. That's where he made a mistake weighing a ton, as all the world knows. History has told you his career. He ruled right into the heavens and fast



NERO, THE WHITEWASHER.

knocked seven bells out of everything he came across and had money to bury on every island he came across. He thought he was having a high old time and that it would last to his eighty-fifth year and that he would then give \$10,000 to an orphan asylum and die in his bed. All of you know how he ended. He was still prancing and whooping and high rolling when the law seized him and he was hung by the neck. He figured it all out before he went his way, and he came to the conclusion that he hadn't been in it. He wrote it down on his shirt collar in red ink; that his having had a high old time was all a mistake and that the farmer who had stuck to corn and potatoes was ahead of the pirate business. I see before me a bald-headed, broad backed man, who is evidently itching to become a pirate bold. I call on him to pause ere it is too late. Let us take a still more historical case. Behold the picture of Judas Iscariot. It is a sketch made of him while he was a young man, and you see that he holds the plow behind an ox. Judas was a tiller of the soil for many years. He was naturally good, and daily contact with nature added to his goodness. He came to be known far and wide as a man who always shoveled the snow off his sidewalk clear up to the line, and if he had a lawsuit about a line fence he didn't drag in the whole country. When he went up to Jerusalem, he was honored and respected of all men, and his daily life was without a blot. No one has tried to explain why Judas suddenly made up his mind to change and give things away. He was rewarded with 24 pieces of silver, but he had no note coming due and was not hard up for cash. But change he did, and he no doubt expected to have high old times and lead the band. His career, as you all know, was brief and rocky. Things didn't turn out as he hoped for. He was shunned of men, dodged of dogs and died without having enjoyed himself for a day. I am now looking at a man in this audience who closely resembles Judas Iscariot and who may be planning to sell out and cut loose. If so, let my words sink deep into his heart when I say that the result of



JUDAS AT THE PLOW.

badness is inevitable. It may prosper for a short time, but the bad man is busted and laid low when his pride is greatest. It may not pay above 3 per cent to be good, but with a clear conscience, a good crop of potatoes and a sure interest on your money you can fall asleep on the cellar stairs or the kitchen roof and know that all will be well with you when the cows come home to be milked. M. QCAD.

HAIRLESS.

When August burned upon the year's decline,
I stepped within the whispers of a wood,
Whose whitest day, prickled back by darkest night,
Made shimmering tumult where the thick stems stood.
Some scud of withering sap—a seething wine—
Made increase of the balsam breathed drought.
Sweet as the sigh of summer in the south,
Atrist for autumn and the purple vine.

My feet pressed down the mosses' fibrous gray;
A crack upon a drier stone;
All parched views of lavender and brown
Died in the channels of the rocky way,
And in the famished covert I alone
Flew in what floods the thirst of life may
drawn.
—Cecilia Beaux in New Lippincott.

BLIND AS A BAT.

But That Fact Wasn't Mentioned When the Horse Was Sold.

David Harum was a good horse trader, but a recent transaction in horseflesh which was made by a well known Memphian shows that there are others who know how to get the long end of a horse trade. Several weeks ago this Memphian man saw a fine buggy horse, which he thought he wanted. He located the owner and asked the price. "One fifty," was the reply. After looking the animal over closely and trying her speed he concluded it was a good trade and without more ado wrote a check for the amount. The next day he found that the mare was as blind as a bat, but this did not hinder her speed or detract from her general appearance. He drove the animal for several weeks and succeeded in attracting the admiration of another lover of horseflesh, who made a proposal to purchase.

"Well," said the Memphian, "I gave \$150 for her, but I will let you have her for \$105."

The prospective owner looked the animal over and concluded he had a bargain. He paid over the money and took the mare. When the animal was unblinded, the first thing she did was to run against a post and then by way of emphasizing the fact that she was blind fell over a barrel. The next day the buyer came back to the Memphian with blood in his eye.

"Colonel, you know that mare you sold me," he began. "Well, she's stone blind."

"I know it," replied the colonel, with an easy air.

"You didn't say anything to me about it," said the purchaser, his face reddening with anger.

"Well, I'll tell you," replied the colonel. "That fellow who sold her to me didn't tell me about it, and I just concluded that he didn't want it known."

The newcomer took his medicine and is now on the lookout for a friend on whom he can even things—Memphis Schmitzer.

A Business Epitaph.

"I was hunting for odd epitaphs," said a Tennessee newspaper man, "and in a cemetery in my own state I came across one that was inscribed upon a neat granite monument and read in this way: 'Sacred to the memory of John Smith, for 20 years senior partner of the firm of Smith & Jones, now J. J. Jones & Co.'"

"Of course the names weren't really Smith and Jones, but I don't want to hurt anybody's feelings, and they will answer for the purposes of the story. I met Jones later, and he gave me a

THE MAN WITH A CLAIM.

A Pathetic Figure Who is Regularly Snubbed at Town Meetings.

The most pathetic figure at a town meeting is the man with a claim. The man who has the claim of grievance goes to the selectmen each spring and has them put an article in the warrant bringing this matter up. Some years he goes into town meeting himself and urges his claim. In other years for the sake of variety he will hire some of the local lawyers to present the matter in the best manner possible. Usually the man is listened to, though the whole thing is horribly familiar to every voter in the town.

Then, when all the oratory has been spilled into their ears, some long eared man from the back districts will rise and will draw with a grin:

"More we pass over that article," and forthwith the article is passed over with a whoop. And the man is around next year as usual. It is a curious thing, but the average town appears always ready to repudiate those matters of long standing. I have heard voters admit that certain claims against their town were perfectly legitimate and perhaps ought to be paid, but they are of the coterie that regularly votes against granting the appeal of the petitioners.

Why? Oh, well, it's "an old matter," and the town is irritated by the persistence of the man who keeps coming to claim his own. When a town gets set in that direction, there is no repudiation so heartless and so conscienceless as that which marks its action. You see, the blame is so equally divided. Refusing to pay honest debts is treated as a joke. Even the man who at last with awakened conscience gets up and urges his fellow citizens to do the right thing and pay the bill is smiled away as a chap that means well, but doesn't know what he's talking about.—Lowiston Journal.

A Lesson In Rudeness.

"Women should not complain that they have to stand in street cars and other public conveyances," said an old gentleman as he laboriously made his way from the transfer man to the herdic. "Children learn common politeness at home if they learn it at all. On the car that I just left was a handsomely dressed woman and her son, a fine looking boy of 10. The car was crowded when I got on, and the little man and his mother sat near the door. As soon as I entered the boy made a motion to get up, but his mother held him down.

"Mamma, the man is lame, I heard him whisper.

"I don't care," he is. You have paid for your seat, and have a right to it," she answered hotly.

"The little fellow blushed at his mother's remark. Now, that woman will probably read the riot act to the next man who refrains from giving her a seat in a crowded car, but what can she expect when she teaches her own son to be discourteous to the lame and the halt?"—Washington Star.

All Alone.

"Ah," said the conceited fellow, with a view to making her jealous, "I was alone last evening with one whom I



"SOUP MAKES THE SOLDIER."

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The C.P.R. has issued a circular changing the flag, hand, whistle and other signals on the road. This new system is known as the standard system and is in use all over the United States. It goes into use on the C.P.R. on Saturday next.

The duck hunters who have been out thus far this season have not met with much success.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Crawford mourn the loss of their three-year-old daughter, Annie Maria, who died on Wednesday morning from tuberculosis.

At the meeting of the creditors of B. L. Griffith, liveyman, yesterday afternoon W. G. Cameron and C. E. Neuds were appointed inspectors to wind up the estate. (P. H. Austin was appointed assignee in place of D. H. Currie, who resigned owing to press of other business. The liabilities are between \$500 and \$8000 and the assets are valued at \$8000.

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last excursion of the season there should be a big crowd. Tickets for adults 25c; children 10c.

Miss McKinnon, of Toronto, arrived yesterday to take a position as head milliner with the Gardner, Rice McLeod Co.

The Coontown 400 will be the attraction at the Hilliard Opera House Monday and Tuesday next.

Miss Lowes, milliner with E. G. Hall, has returned from a trip to eastern cities.

Miss Handrahan, of Toronto, arrived this week to take charge of the new dressmaking department of the Gardner, Rice, McLeod Co.

With the Mining Public

A. McKay, M.P. for Hamilton, S.M. McMichael, G. B. McAnly of Spokane were in town on Tuesday. They visited the Sultana mine in the morning.

Surveyors are now in the country south of the Keewatin mine locating a route for a railway to the Manitou lakes.

Jas. Latimer, of the Sirdar, arrived in town Wednesday.

J. R. Lumby, editor of the Wabigoon Star, was in town yesterday. He states that the mining situation in the Manitou is exceedingly promising at present. The Big Master, Glass Reef and other properties are turning out splendidly.

John F. Howard, of Winnipeg, was in town yesterday. Mr. Howard is doing good work for the district advertising its varied resources. He was accompanied on this trip by Mr. Deaulne, of New York. They have gone out on the lake to look at several properties.

H. Patterson assistant manager of the Anglo-Can. Tan Gold-Est. is in town this week, as was also Mr. H.A. Kayl of the same company.

Mr. D. Simpson, manager of the Big Master mines, accompanied by his wife, who has recently arrived from Buffalo, were in town Saturday and Sunday last.

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Mr. Isaac Foster, Erie View, Norfolk Co., Ontario, writes: "I was troubled with itching piles for about two years and could not sleep at nights. In fact I was half crazy from the terrible itching. Reading about Dr. Chase's Ointment I purchased a box. After the second application I experienced relief and one box cured me thoroughly and permanently and that was two years ago." Dr. Chase's Ointment, 60 cents a bottle, all dealers.

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Wabigoon Star. Indications all point to the fact that this winter will be an active one with the Rainy Lake Mining and Power Co. who are working the Sairey Gamp mine in the Lower Manitou. There is a lot of stuff of various kinds being shipped out to the property, now, and the hoist and material for camp buildings left Wabigoon early in the week.

This company has been so far very conservative in all its work, and Mr. Watzke, the president and manager, has been careful to run into no useless expenditure until he was satisfied that the property was worth it. Now, however he has inaugurated a policy of more rapid development, and the winter's work will make a great difference in the appearance of things at the Sairey Gamp.

Married at St. Albans.

Geo. A. Whepley of Winnipeg, was married to Miss Blanch Richards in St. Alban's church by Rev. J. W. B. Page, rector. After the ceremony the wedding party was entertained at the residence of J. W. Pickett, Fourth St. where a number of friends gathered to congratulate the happy couple. Mr. Whepley is a son of D. H. Whepley, Greenwich, N.B. but now occupies the position of accountant for McNab & Co. of Winnipeg, where he and Mrs. Whepley will reside in future. Mrs. Whepley also comes from Greenwich. She is a niece of Mrs. J. W. Pickett and Mr. A. McLeod, of town.

Notice to Creditors.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Geo. William Faulkner, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to R. S. O., 1877, chap. 129, that all creditors and other persons having claims against the estate of the late George William Faulkner, of the town of Rat Portage, in the District of Rainy River, caretaker, deceased, who died on or about the 14th day of May, A. D. Nineteen Hundred, at Bag Bay in the District of Rainy River, are required on or before the 30th day of September, A. D. 1900, to send by post prepaid or deliver to the undersigned, their full Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, and a statement of their respective accounts or claims and the particulars or proofs thereof and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them, together with the valuation of the said securities.

And notice is hereby further given that after the said 30th day of September, A. D. 1900, the undersigned will proceed to distribute the estate of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he then shall have received notice, and the administrator will not be liable for the said estate or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claims he shall have received no notice.

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A couple of crews from Rat Portage Rowing club leave to night for Winnipeg to take part in a regatta there tomorrow.

Mayor McCarthy presented Champion J. G. Gaudaur with a pumpkin this morning measuring five feet in circumference and weighing 75 pounds. It was grown in the mayor's garden on Coney Island. Who can beat it?

The men who burglarized Young's store a few weeks ago received their sentences yesterday. One of the four received his freedom, while two others will pass 3 and 6 months each in the jail here. The leader of the outfit will go under the care of Warden Gilmore at the central prison, Toronto for a year.

The annual excursion of the Knox church Sunday school will take place Saturday afternoon, September 15, on the Keweenaw. The boat will leave at 2 o'clock. As this will probably be the

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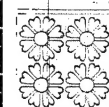
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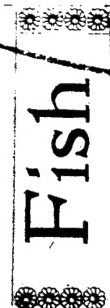
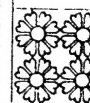
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